

Taiwan University Officials Visit SWOSU About Exchange Agreement

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University and Taipei (Taiwan) Municipal University of Education officials recently met on the SWOSU campus in Weatherford to discuss their agreement of academic exchange. Among those attending the business meeting were (front from left): TMUE President Tien-Yu Lin and SWOSU President John Hays. Back from left- SWOSU Registrar Bob Klaassen; TMUE Professor Jiann-Der Yeh; SWOSU Provost Dr. Blake Sonobe; TMUE Office of General Affairs Dean Wei-Jia Jan; SWOSU College of Arts and Sciences Dean Dr. Radwan Al-Jarrah; SWOSU Vice President for Public Policy and Leadership Development Randy Beutler; and SWOSU College of Professional and Graduate Studies Dean Dr. Ken Rose.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University President Dr. John Hays (right) shows the university's fact book to Taipei (Taiwan) Municipal University of Education President Tien-Yu Lin (center) and TMUE Office of General Affairs Dean Wei-Jia Jan.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University and Taipei Municipal University of Education officials from Taipei, Taiwan, met April 22 on the SWOSU campus in Weatherford to continue discussions about an agreement of academic exchange that was signed earlier this year.

TMUE President Tien-Yu Lin, Office of General Affairs Dean Wei-Jia Jan and Professor Jiann-Der Yeh met with SWOSU President John Hays and other SWOSU officials. The day included a reception, business meeting and dinner.

SWOSU and Taipei Municipal University of Education signed the agreement in January.

The agreement will provide opportunities for both students and faculty at both universities. The international exchange is part of SWOSU's strategic plan that by 2010, SWOSU students will be better prepared to live in an increasingly global, diverse, and technological society. SWOSU also has agreements with universities in South Korea, Costa Rica and Jordan (two universities).

The first exchange of students and faculty with Taiwan is expected to begin in Fall 2009 and the agreement is for five years. President Lin indicated TMUE expects his university will have up to 10 students who will attend classes at SWOSU this fall. Students from SWOSU who are interested in the exchange program can contact School of Arts and Sciences Dean Dr. Radwan Al-Jarrah.

TMUE is a comprehensive, accredited state university with a student body of 4,500. Located in downtown Taipei, the capital city of Taiwan, TMUE is supported by a city of approximately 3 million people.

SWOSU has locations in Weatherford and Sayre. The university has 5,000 students. For more information about the international programs, contact Al-Jarrah at radwan.aljarrah@swosu.edu or 580.774.7152.